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Dear Mr. Suslow:

I am responding to your letter of May 27 to Secretary Muskie concerning United States policy toward Argentina.

I can assure you that no change in U. S. human rights policy is contemplated and that we will continue to encourage improvements in the human rights situation in Argentina.

We have also sought to engage the Argentine Government in a dialogue aimed at furthering specific U. S. objectives, such as adopting nuclear safeguards, supporting our grains restrictions on the Soviet Union, and participating in the Olympics boycott. We believe it is in the U. S. interest to seek Argentine cooperation in such areas, without compromising our human rights concerns.

As you know, over the past four years, the U. S. Government has taken a number of actions to make clear our concern about human rights conditions in Argentina and to seek ways to persuade the Argentine Government to make improvements. While there have been improvements in the past year, our concern has not diminished, and normal relations with Argentina will not be achieved while the human rights situation in Argentina remains a problem.

We also strongly support efforts by the United Nations Human Rights Commission, the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, and other international bodies to deal with these matters.

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Exemption(s):

A moderate, prosperous and democratic Argentina, free from the serious human rights abuses of the past, would be an important positive force in the affairs of the Hemisphere and an important contributor to common Western objectives. The United States Government will continue to pursue policies that will encourage Argentina to achieve those objectives.

I appreciate your letting us know of the UAW's concerns on this subject. We value your constructive counsel and have appreciated your strong support for the Administration's human rights policy.

Sincerely,

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